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SUBJ: SUHARTO-LEE KUAN YEW TALKS

1. PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND SINGAPORE PRIMIN LEE KUAN YEW COMPLETED TWO DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS ON BALI SEPT. 4 AND AGREED THAT ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING SHOULD BE HELD WITHIN NEXT SIX MONTHS TO ACCELERATE POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COOPERATION WITHIN ASEAN.

2. FOLLOWING FOUR SESSIONS OF PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS AT KUTA BEACH, COMMUNIQUE ISSUED SEPT. 4 STATED THAT MOST OF TALKS WERE DEVOTED TO ASEAN, AND THAT WHILE IT WAS AGREED THAT ASEAN'S PROGRESS HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY SO FAR, SUMMIT MEETING WITHIN NEXT SIX MONTHS IS NECESSARY TO ACCELERATE COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FIELDS. INDONESIAN MINISTER OF STATE SUDHARMONO TOLD PRESS THE SAME DAY THAT INTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AT TECHNICAL AND MINISTERIAL LEVELS, WITH PREPARATORY SESSIONS BEING HELD IN SINGAPORE AND FORMAL SUMMIT ON BALI. HE SAID THE TWO LEADERS HAD AGREED THAT SUMMIT SHOULD PRODUCE CONCRETE ECONOMIC RESULTS OF BENEFIT TO THE CITIZENS OF THEIR COUNTRIES, AND EXPECTED

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THAT IT WOULD FORMULATE MORE CONCRETE FORMS OF COOPERA-

TION THAN THOSE OUTLINED IN 1967 BANGKOK DECLARATION.

3. ACCORDING TO SUDHARMONO, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA INCLUDING FALL OF INDOCHINA WERE A FACTOR IN ESTIMATING URGENCY OF AN ASEAN SUMMIT. HE SAID SUHARTO AND LEE DID NOT DISCUSS RELATIONS WITH PRC, BUT SUHARTO DID EXPLAIN TO LEE THE INDONESIAN POSITION ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR.

4. ABOVE INFORMATION DERIVED FROM PRESS REPORTS. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS TOPIC WITH GOI OFFICIALS DURING NEXT SEVERAL DAYS AND WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THEIR REACTIONS.
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